

Feral Hog Control Program Set for September 22 in Taylor County

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ABILENE - Texas AgriLife Extension Service and the Taylor County Livestock and Wildlife Protection Association will conduct a feral hog control seminar from 5:30-8:35 p.m. September 22 in the Big Country Hall at the Taylor County Expo Center.

Two Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be offered.

“The program’s purpose is to show both sides of the feral hog issue,” said Robert Pritz, AgriLife Extension agent in Taylor County. “We want to offer participants the latest information on the subject while at the same time, giving them options to either cope with or capitalize on the hogs.

“For various reasons, feral hogs have become increasingly topical in recent years,” he said. “It’s often said there are two kinds of Texas landowners; those with feral hogs and those who will soon have them. On the negative side, feral hogs cause crop and pasture damage, tear up fences and eat feed intended for livestock and deer. But on the plus side, there are some landowners who have really cashed in on the hunting the animals afford.”

Individual pre-registration is \$10 per person until September 18 and \$20 thereafter and at the door. Registration is free for members and spouses of the Taylor County Livestock and Wildlife Protection Association. Registration includes the evening meal, refreshments and handout materials.

For more information or to pre-register, contact the AgriLife Extension office in Taylor County at 325-672-6048.

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